Nov. 18, 1940

The Executive Board of the N. J. Urban League met on the above date with fifteen present and the President opening the meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and accepted.

A letter had been rec'd from the Nat. Urban League stating the rumor that Sec'y of Labor Perkins might be succeeded by Geo. M. Harrison, grand pres. of Brotherhood of Railway Clerks and urging a protest against such an appointment.

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Leave this as it is Mrs. Janifer - please.

A communication had been rec'd from the McLaurin Endowment Fund asking for names of possible subscribers. This will be referred to the local Alumni Association.

On Nov. 7 the combined membership and industrial committees had met and discussed an industrial dep't.

Mr. Moorfield reported progress of the com. on personnel practices.

Treasurer's report showed:

Expenses ------- $1039.59

Bank balance as of Nov. 1 ... $536.74

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At the Washington Conference 12 Leagues had been represented and had met with 12 Dep't Heads. Among other things discussions were held on the exclusion of Negroes from Vocational Training

and from Defense Industries
Negro registrants are being classified as unskilled.
In the future contracts will contain clauses prohibiting discrimination.
Rent profiteering has been brought to the attention of the Nat. Consumer Council - also to the local Council.
As a result of the Trenton Conference the WPA has started to work with heads of Vocational schools who will take those qualified in night classes if the Urban League will find employment during the day. The Exec. Sec'y has started a group.
The CCC is planning a recreation and placement program for those who have been in Camp and are now back home.
If the Urban League can place any it will change the idea that Negroes cannot be absorbed in business.
With Mrs. Gillette in the chair, ~~[illegible]~~ the Dorothy Maynor Concert was considered.
The Exec. Sec'y had rec'd a block of tickets which had been purchased by a generous subscriber. The following groups were suggested as possible recipients of some of these tickets:
The Neighborhood House Music Settlement,
the Orange, Newark, Montclair Y.W.s
The Chorus from Arts High, the Spiritual Chorus of Orange and Montclair.
Mrs. Moorfield asked if the League would be a sponsoring organization for the New Jersey Consumers' Council. This organization

started as an independent group, but now is responsible to the State and the Nat. Government (Nat. Defense - Consumers' Interest). Public opinion must be aroused; the Public must be educated. Will the League pay the minimum fee?

After short discussion motion was made by Miss Shepard, seconded by Mrs. Bell and carried that the League pay $2.00

Going back to the matter of Vocational Education, motion was made by Mr. Tate seconded by Miss Shepard that the Board ratify the action of the Exec. Secy with regard to the first group of trainees. Motion carried.

The attention of the Board was called to a public meeting of the Interracial Council to be held on the evening of Nov. 18th at the Y.M.C.A. at which time Dr. M.O. Bousfield of Chicago would be guest speaker. The proposal that the Community Hospital be made an annex of the City Hospital has caused much discussion and is not agreeable to the Com. Hospital Board. Mr. Levy has suggested that the League have a com. to work with the Interracial Council on this effort. Mr. Ormond suggested that the League might offer support. This was put in the form of a motion, was seconded by Mr. Tate and carried.

The League had rec'd a letter from a Newark lawyer in which he suggested that there be an effort to interest Negroes in F.H.A. project - Negroes of means to form a group investment.

The Executive Sec'y announced a Conference of Nat. Housing Officials, Region II, at the Robt Treat Hotel, Dec. 12, 13, 14.

The N. J. Conference of Social Work will meet in Asbury Park Dec. 5, 6, 7.

Motion by Miss Shepard seconded by Mr. Tate and carried that the League be represented by the Executive Sec'y.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

U. M. Jamfer, Sec'y.

Regular Monthly Board Meeting will be held on Mon. Jan. 20, 1940 at 4 P.M. Ret Please return enclosed post card immediately.

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